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1. First in Support.

The Quartermaster Corps is one of the oldest and proudest in the United States Army tracing its origin from a June 16, 1775 resolution of the Second Continental Congress. Since the beginning of warfare, armies have required a competent organization to provide supplies, equipment and service support. At Yorktown, Gettysburg, Normandy, Inchon and countless other battlefields Quartermaster soldiers have served with distinction, while providing the essential logistics for victory. Today, with logistics as the lifeblood of the Army's fighting force, the Quartermaster Corps has developed and expanded to meet the challenges of the times and the requirements of technological advancement. The support of modern weapons systems in an uncertain and rapidly changing combat environment will require dedicated and energetic leaders who can respond quickly to rapidly changing situations. Responsiveness and the ability to manage materiel and lead soldiers are key characteristics of QM officers. The role of the Quartermaster Corps in the future will be even more challenging than it has been in our proud past. If you have the desire, dedication and ability to serve in positions of great responsibility and are seeking a challenging and rewarding profession, there is a place for you in the Quartermaster Corps – A TRADITION OF OVER 200 YEARS OF SUPPLY AND SERVICE TO THE LINE – a proud member of the United States Army.

2. Description of the Quartermaster Corps.

The Quartermaster Corps mission is to provide supply and service support to sustain the U. S. Army in peace and war. Providing the right supplies and services at the right place and time is a challenge that will tax the abilities of Quartermaster officers and provide ample opportunities for advancement and personal satisfaction. The Quartermaster officer may serve in one or more of the following areas of concentration:

a. 92A – Quartermaster, General. All Quartermaster officers begin as generalists trained in all of the key Quartermaster functions; Supply Management, Service, Petroleum, and Subsistence. As a lieutenant you will be able to fill virtually all Quartermaster positions.

b. 92B – Supply and Materiel Management. This officer will have a challenging career as a commander/manager. In this capacity you will command or direct units engaged in the production, acquisition, receipt, storage, issue, and distribution of equipment, repair parts, and general supplies. As a staff officer you would advise the commander on matters regarding supply and services support.

c. 92D – Aerial Delivery and Materiel. As an Aerial Delivery and Materiel officer, you will supervise the employment of aerial delivery systems in support of tactical and special operations. You may also command personnel engaged in the storage, packing, preparation and maintenance of materiel to be delivered by air.

d. 92F – Petroleum. As a Petroleum officer you are trained to command or supervise units engaged in petroleum operations. Acquisition, storage, inspection, testing, issue, and distribution of petroleum products and water are your responsibility. The Army must have fuel to operate, and efficient management of petroleum products is of crucial importance.

e. 92G – Subsistence. As a Subsistence officer you will plan for the procurement, receipt, storage, issue, sales and preparation of subsistence supplies. You will serve as adviser to the commander on matters relating to subsistence and the Army Food Service program. Ambitious, highly qualified officers are needed to manage the three-billion-dollar-a-year Army Food program.



Figure 2. Description of the Quartermaster Corps



Figure 3. Description of the Quartermaster Corps—Continued



Figure 4. Description of the Quartermaster Corps—Continued



Figure 5. Description of the Quartermaster Corps–Continued

3. Assignments.

a. The diversity of functions performed within the Quartermaster Corps will allow you a wide range of assignments including both command and staff duties. Your initial assignments should emphasize duty in “field” units where basic Quartermaster skills and troop leadership traits are practiced and honed. Your duties will place you in direct contact with professional enlisted personnel; you will be responsible for planning their activities; managing their administrative and logistical support, and training them to be Quartermaster soldiers. While performing these functions you will develop the ability to lead soldiers – the keystone to success in subsequent assignments. On the “Wholesale” level Quartermaster officers can serve at various logistics assignments to include depots and higher level staffs.

b. In addition to Quartermaster assignments many Quartermaster officers will be developed in another functional area. Usually designated at approximately the seventh year of service, the functional area may be influenced by unique training experience qualifications found in your professional background.

c. Quartermaster jobs and units are located throughout the Continental United States and many overseas areas, providing Quartermaster officers with ample opportunity for travel.



Figure 6. Assignments



RANK	TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS
Lieutenant	Supply and Service Platoon Leader Airdrop Platoon Leader Petroleum Platoon Leader Class I Platoon Leader Technical Supply Officer Supply Management Officer Petroleum Laboratory Officer
Captain	Company Commander S-4 Service School Instructor Supply and Service Staff Officer Airdrop R+D Officer Petroleum Staff Officer Food Adviser
Major/ Lieutenant Colonel	Battalion Executive Officer Battalion Commander Joint Petroleum Officer Subsistence Supply Officer Aerial Delivery Staff Officer Clothing and Textile Officer Logistics Staff Officer
Colonel	Commander Materiel Management Center Corps G-4 Commander Division Support Command Commander Depot Division Chief DA/AMC Staff Commander Defense Subsistence Region Commander Defense Fuel Region

Figure 7. Career Development

4. Professional Development.

a. The Quartermaster Corps needs young officers trained to perform duties in a wide range of functional logistics areas. To prepare newly commissioned Quartermaster officers to meet the challenge of these duties, they first attend the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course at the U. S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.

b. After graduation, as a lieutenant, you are normally assigned at company level gaining troop experience to build a solid foundation upon which the remainder of your career may be structured. You should seek company level positions to develop leadership skills and complement this with staff experience at the battalion level.

c. Upon promotion to captain, you will normally attend the Quartermaster Officer Advanced course and will be designated and trained in one or more of the Quartermaster areas of concentration. See AR 611-101 for a complete description of the Quartermaster Corps Areas of Concentration.

d. After promotion to captain, you should aggressively seek company command to enhance professional development and complement this with staff experience at the battalion and brigade level.

e. Some specific company grade professional development objectives for officers in the Quartermaster Corps include: a Baccalaureate degree, completion of the Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, completion of the Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3) and successful duty performance in branch-related assignments. Company command is considered highly desirable for both promotion and professional development. Overall, an officer must become technically proficient and master essential troop leadership skills. Additional information on officer professional development can be found in DA Pamphlet 600-3.



Figure 8. Professional Development



Figure 9. Professional Development—Continued

5. The Quartermaster Officer Basic Course.

a. Your initial exposure to the Quartermaster Corps will occur at the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, which is taught at Fort Lee, Virginia. This course prepares newly commissioned Quartermaster Officers to meet the challenge of their wide-ranging duties. During this course, the officer receives training in general military subjects – leadership, military justice, weapons and tactics – and is given an introduction to the general functions of logistics. Officers receive instruction in all of the Quartermaster Areas of Concentration providing sufficient background to develop the graduates as Quartermaster generalists. In addition to being technically and tactically proficient, new lieutenants must possess the command presence and bearing that will enable them to lead by example. These qualities are instilled through formal instruction in the techniques of leadership, drill, and physical conditioning, as well as through informal mentoring by more senior Quartermaster Officers.

b. Following the QMOBC, selected officers will be given the opportunity to attend other professionally challenging schools such as the Airborne and Ranger courses taught at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Other officers may attend the Aerial Delivery and Materiel Officer course (Parachute Rigger) to prepare them for their initial duty assignment.



Figure 10. The Quartermaster Officer Basic Course

6. Schooling.

a. *Military Training.* Training for Quartermaster Officers is not limited to courses taught at the Quartermaster school. They may be trained at other schools, such as the Army Logistics Management Center or other service schools in such skills as Research and Development or Procurement. Selected officers may also attend career enhancing Army training to include the Ranger, Airborne and Air-Assault courses.

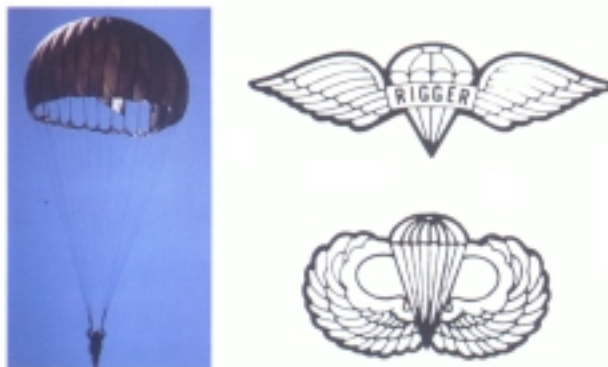


Figure 11. Schooling



Figure 12. Schooling—Continued

b. Advanced Civil Schooling. Graduate degrees in various areas of Logistics and Industrial Management, Petroleum Engineering, Food Technology, and Business Administration are available on a competitive basis to selected officers, normally after completion of the advanced course and successful company command.

c. Training With Industry (TWI). A few officers are chosen to spend a tour with commercial industry, where they work in the day-to-day business world.

The valuable experience gained is subsequently applied to Army operations since follow-on assignments are specifically selected for utilization of the skills developed during the TWI.

7. Where Can I Serve.

Quartermaster Officers can be found virtually everywhere. The close relationship that exists between the functions performed by these officers and direct support to the Army in the field places Quartermaster officers in each of the Army's combat divisions, corps, and installations both in CONUS and overseas. Assignments in national level logistics will bring officers into contact with civilian industries and communities from which the national inventory control points and depots obtain their materiel commodities and draw their manpower. Senior staff assignments, on the other hand, will place officers in the highest levels of the national defense establishment. Although the main concentrations of Quartermaster officers are in CONUS, Hawaii, Alaska, Germany, and Korea, others can be found in interesting places like Italy, Great Britain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Belgium, Australia, Japan, and Panama.



Figure 13. Where Can I Serve



Figure 14. Where Can I Serve—Continued



Figure 15. Where Can I Serve—Continued



Figure 16. Where Can I Serve—Continued

8. The Future.

a. Quartermaster officers of the future will continue to meet new and exciting challenges. New weapons systems are constantly being developed and introduced into the Army inventory to keep pace with technological advancements as well as to increase mobility, survivability and lethality of firepower on the battlefield. As a result, new support systems, equipment and procedures must be developed to keep pace with advancements in technology and battlefield developments. The Quartermaster Corps is a dynamic branch that is constantly improving its ability to support Army forces, anywhere, anytime. The critical role of the Quartermaster officer becomes even more demanding as around-the-globe Army commitments continue to expand.

b. Quartermaster officers must be innovative, energetic and dedicated to insure that essential support is provided. It is a challenging profession which requires officers with a variety of educational backgrounds to serve as proud and vital members of the Army team.

c. The Quartermaster Corps insignia was officially adopted on September 3, 1896 in War Department General Order No. 40. The insignia is described in regulations as: “A sword and key crossed on a wheel surmounted by a flying eagle, the fellow of the wheel to be of blue enamel, hub center and red edged with white.” It is traditional that the key represents the storekeeper; the sword indicates that the supplies are military; the wheel represents transportation and delivery of supplies. The thirteen stars and thirteen spokes of the wheel represent the original colonies and the origin of the Corps during the Revolutionary War. The eagle is the national bird, and red, white, and blue are the national colors.



Figure 17. The Future



Figure 18. Quartermaster Corps Insignia



Figure 19. Fort Lee, Virginia (Home of the Quartermaster School)

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